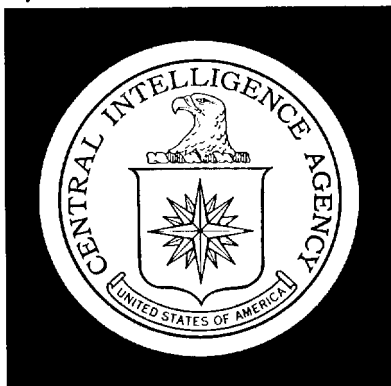


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USSR-BERLIN: The Berlin advisers' meeting scheduled for yesterday was put off until 22 June because of the retrogressive behavior of Soviet representative Kvitsinsky at Wednesday's session.

Kvitsinsky discarded large segments of the common language on which the advisers had agreed last month in favor of returning to language taken from the Soviet draft of 26 March. He also took an unyielding position on other contentious issues. At the conclusion of Wednesday's meeting when the French adviser suggested that the discussions be continued the next day as scheduled, Kvitsinsky sided with the US and British representatives in declaring that there was no point in doing so.

Allied representatives charged that the Soviets were deliberately moving backward after earlier signs that Moscow was prepared to move in a more constructive way. This led them to claim that Soviet tactics of moderation late last month were meant primarily for their effect on last week's NATO ministerial in Lisbon.

Soviet zigzagging is not new to the negotiations on Berlin, and obstructionism has on occasion been followed by conciliatory gestures. At Wednesday's session, however, Kvitsinsky was particularly obstinate, and in informal conversation he reverted to the earlier Soviet theme that the Berlin negotiations would take a long time.

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BOLIVIA: The developing campaign to expel the US Military Assistance Advisory Group is likely to succeed. Leftist government officials, determined to eliminate US influence in Bolivia, reportedly plan to achieve the ouster of the US advisers by the same tactics they employed to get the Peace Corps expelled. President Torres has already informed the US ambassador that Bolivia will have little use for a US military mission when the military assistance program is phased out. Army commander Reque-Teran's recent equivocal public statement about the advisory group suggests that the military does not consider the issue vital enough to warrant a confrontation with the left.

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**[** MEXICO: Mexico City students, apparently over-eager to meet head-on the six-month old Echeverria administration, have taken up the cause of university strikers in northeast Nuevo Leon. Leftist university faculty and students there have been reluctant to accept a government mediated "settlement" even though it favored them and provoked the resignation of the conservative state governor. Clashes between security forces and dissident students in Mexico City reportedly have resulted in student deaths and injuries, and this violence could serve to stimulate a stronger antigovernment student movement.



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